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SUBJ: GREEK GOVERNMENT DENIES JACK ANDERSON'S STORY ON CIA
PRESSURE AS FICTION

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1. MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER RALLIS DENIED AS FICTION
ON JUNE 25 THE STORY BY JACK ANDERSON CONCERNING ALLEGED
LAUNDERING HERE OF NIXON-AGNEW CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND THE CLAIM
THAT THE CIA HAS PUT PRESSURE ON THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO
QUASH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER (REFTEL). THE
DENIAL WAS CARRIED IN ALL ATHENS NEWSPAPERS.

2. ONLY TO VIMA AND TA NEA (AFTERNOON) HAD CARRIED THE
STORY YESTERDAY. IN CARRYING THE DENIAL TODAY THE OTHER
NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED THE ANDERSON COLUMN ALLEGATIONS.
FURTHER ACCOUNTS OF THE COLUMN MENTIONED THE ROLE IN THESE
ALLEGATIONS OF ELIAS DEMETRACOPOULOS.

3. AN INFORMED SOURCE STATED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS MADE
IN THE ANDERSON COLUMN ABOUT UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND
INFORMATION LAMBRIAS WERE A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS. THE
TRUTH WAS, HE SAID, THAT LAMBRIAS HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT
A PREPARED STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT DICTATED OVER THE
PHONE BY ONE OF ANDERSON'S ASSOCIATES AT THE INSTIGATION OF
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DEMETRACOPOULOS. THE SOURCE CHARACTERIZED DEMETRACOPOULOS'

ACTION AS "A SUSPICIOUS AND DIRTY GAME."

4. COMMENT: THE "INFORMED SOURCE" IS LAMBRIAS HIMSELF,
WHO WAS QUITE UPSET ABOUT THE ANDERSON STORY. LAMBRIAS
WAS ALSO ANGRY WITH DEMETRACOPOULOS, FOR WHOM HE OBVIOUSLY
HAS VERY LITTLE REGARD. KUBISCH

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